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Appl. No. : 10/540,866 Group Art Unit : 1796  
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For : EXPANDABLE RESIN BEADS OF STYRENE-MODIFIED,  
STRAIGHT-CHAIN, AND LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE,  
PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF, PRE-  
EXPANDED BEADS AND EXPANDED MOLDED ARTICLE

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF  
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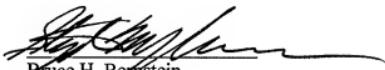
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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated March 21, 2008 again rejecting claims 1-16.

The fee for filing a notice of appeal as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b) and the fee for a one-month extension of time are being paid concurrently herewith. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If there are any questions about this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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